

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday February 12th 2006**

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## **Trophy Returns**

It is now time to return Trophies presented at the 2005 Limerick AGM in preparation for this years upcoming AGM. The deadline for returns is the 18th of March 2006. Trophies can be returned to Peter Grant, EI4HX at QTHR, Awards Committee, or any Committee Member.

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## **IRTS AGM 2006**

Preparations are well advanced for this years IRTS AGM, which is being held on Sunday April 23rd at the Vienna Woods Hotel in Cork and is being hosted by Cork Radio Club. The weekend will follow the usual format with a dinner on the Saturday night, a rally on Sunday and the Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday afternoon. The Vienna Woods Hotel is located on the eastern side of Cork City just off the Glanmire roundabout at the city side of Glanmire village.

For those wishing to stay in the hotel overnight, only double rooms are available and these can only be booked through Dave EI4BZ on 087-6290574 at a cost of 110.00 Euro per room with breakfast. Please note that there are only a few rooms left at the Vienna Woods. However, rooms are also available at the neighbouring Ibis Hotel at a cost of 59 Euro for a single room and 69 Euro for a double room. Breakfast costs Euro 8.50. The telephone number for the Ibis Hotel is 021-4354354. Rooms are also available at the nearby John Barleycorn Hotel at a cost of 45 Euro for a single and 85.00 Euro for a double room including a full Irish Breakfast. The telephone number here is 021-4821499. Enquiries to Finbarr EI1CS on 021-4346622 or Dave EI4BZ on 087-6290574.

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## **Coolmine Rally**

The annual Phoenix Radio Club Rally will be held on Sunday February the 26th at the Coolmine Community School in Blanchardstown and not as originally planned on the 12th of February. Morse testing will be available throughout the day for anyone wishing to take the test. Doors open to traders at 9.30 a.m. and to the general public at 11.00 a.m. All enquiries to Tony on 01-8252074 or 087-2439997

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## **Limerick Rally**

The Limerick Radio Club would like to remind everyone of their upcoming Rally. It will be held in the Greenhills Hotel, Ennis Road, Limerick on Sunday the 12th of March. Icom UK has confirmed attendance and will have the IC7000, IC756Pro3 and IC7800 on display. The club is presently in negotiation with several other suppliers. The first of the raffle prizes has already been secured and it is a DSP Speaker from BHI UK. Anybody interested in a table or simply needing further information feel free to contact Paul EI6FE on 061 360122.

Further news will be forthcoming as soon as it becomes available. Members of LRC are looking forward to a successful rally and meeting all their old friends again.

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## **Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club**

The Lough Erne Amateur Radio Clubs 25th Annual Radio Show will take place in the Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen, on Sunday the 23rd of April 2006. Doors open at 12 Noon and Admission is £3.00 or 5.00 Euro. There is generous car parking space and refreshments on site. There is a Bring & Buy stand with no fees. There will be traders big & small selling Amateur Radio gear, components, electronics, computer components and various new, surplus and second-hand equipment. UK traders are expected. Usual large attendance from North and South is expected as the club returns to the familiar venue. For information on accommodation or trade stand space contact Alan Gault GI6PYP on 07771 811484/028 6634 1108, "alan dot r dot gault at homecall dot co dot uk" or Herbie Graham GI6JPO on 028 6638 7761. Call early to avoid disappointment.

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## **Cork Radio Club**

The Cork Radio Club would like to announce the Blarney Rally will be held this year on the 24th of September at the usual venue. One of the longest running in EI this will be in it's 15th year and still going strong. All the usual traders will be in attendance along with casual sellers so don't forget to chalk it down in your dairy.

Last Monday Con EI7DJB demonstrated how a torch with out batteries operated using the Faraday method of induction. He also showed a unusual wind up torch that charged a battery and lit up 3 LED's.

The Cork Radio Club meet every Monday night in the SMA community building

room 4 Wilton all are welcome.

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### **South Dublin Radio Club**

South Dublin Radio Club will hold its AGM on Tuesday the 21st of February at 8 p.m. Also the club will be running the annual Spring challenge during the month of February starting on the 1st of February at 00:00 hours and finishing on the 28th of February at 00.00 hours. The rules are published in the IRTS Handbook or may be obtained from the Club Chairman or committee.

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### **Limerick Radio Club**

The Annual General Meeting of the Limerick Radio Club will be held on the 23rd of February 2006. It will start at 8.00 p.m. sharp in the limerick Institute of Technology, Moylish, Limerick. All members are requested to attend.

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### **South Eastern Amateur Radio Group**

The Annual General Meeting of South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place at 8.00 p.m. in the Roanmore Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford on Wednesday the 22nd of February. All members are asked to attend and visitors are welcome.

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### **AREN**

Following the success of last years AREN trip to Isle of Man for the Manx National Rally, expressions of interest are invited from any AREN members who would like to assist Raynet again this year. The rally takes places over the 5th and 6th of May. For information see [www.manxrally.org](http://www.manxrally.org) Full training will be provided. For further details contact Munster AREN co-ordinator, Conor O Neill, EI4JN on 021 4801111 or e-mail "ei4jn at eircom dot net".

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### **Dundalk Amateur Radio Society**

Twinning of Dundalk Amateur Radio Society and Church Island ARG. (EI7DAR and MI0LBA) On Thursday night last 09/02/06 some members of the Dundalk ARS travelled to Bellaghy Co. Derry to the QTH of the Church Island ARG. The meeting

was to celebrate the Twinning of the two clubs. Thos EI2JD Chairman of Dundalk club was given a beautiful engraved Plaque by John MI0MIO chairman of Church Island to commemorate the event. Both chairmen commented on improved cross border communications and both are looking forward to assisting each other in Amateur TV, contesting and Field day events. On behalf of Dundalk club Thos would like to thank the Church Island club for it's warm hospitality and invites them down to the next meeting in Dundalk.

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### **CQIR - Ireland Calling: Preliminary Announcement**

In 2007 the IRTS celebrates the 75th anniversary of its founding in 1932. As part of the jubilee celebrations the Society is organising an International Radio Contest, "CQIR - Ireland Calling".

For this event, references to Ireland mean the island of Ireland and its offshore islands - both EI and GI. CQIR is a once-off event with a difference - the difference being that overseas Entrants with 75 or more QSOs have the opportunity to win a trip to Ireland.

CQIR is a 24-hour, single-operator HF CW/SSB contest on the weekend of 29th/30th September 2007. As this is the fifth full weekend in the month, there is no clash with any established event.

CQIR is a celebration of both the IRTS Jubilee and the "Irish" amateur-radio community world-wide. It's where the Irish, at home and abroad, work the World - and where those of Irish descent identify themselves by including their ancestral County in the exchange: County Mayo, County Antrim etc.

Full rules and county codes will appear on [www.irts.ie](http://www.irts.ie) and will be available shortly in Echo Ireland. Free software will be provided to support CQIR.

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Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall, EI7IS at QTHR or by phone to 051 853806 or 087 6302026. Items for the radio news can also be faxed to 087 5 6302026. News should be submitted via e-mail to "news at irts dot ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Fridays.

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